

TYLDESLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1961



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Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
TYLDESLEY.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

I have the honour to represent for your information and consideration the Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Urban District of Tyldesley for the year 1961.

STATISTICS

According to the Registrar General's mid year estimate the population of the district has shown a further decrease, being 16,810 as against 17,440 the previous year and 17,460 in 1959.

During the year under review 265 births occurred, an increase of 3 on the previous year. 8 babies were still born. Relating these figures to the population the Live Birth Rate is 15.6 an increase of 0.7 on the previous year, and the Still Birth Rate 29.3 a decrease of 0.3 on the year 1960.

4 babies died during their first year of life giving an Infantile Mortality Rate for the year of 15.1. 3 deaths occurred within the first week and a further 1 in the first month.

The total number of deaths (from all causes) is 7 more than in the previous year, being 238 and 20 more than in 1959 when there were 218 deaths. As in previous years the main cause of death has been disease of the heart and blood vessels. Relating the number of deaths to the population as a whole the Death Rate for the year is 16.8 greater by 1.0 than in 1960.

HEALTH SERVICES

The personal health services have been provided in the district by the Lancashire County Council, through its Divisional Health Administration Scheme, as the Local Health Authority. The essential information in relation to these services is given in Section B of this Report. Should you require further details I would refer you to my Annual Report as Divisional Medical Officer.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The outstanding statistical features of the year were:

1. For the first time on record not a single case of Diphtheria was notified in any County District in Lancashire.

2. There was an outbreak of poliomyelitis in the area of the town on the Atherton boundary which also affected the Hindsford part of Atherton. With one exception, all the cases were of pre school children who had either not received any immunisation or had only received two doses. The infection was very widespread in this part of the town as was shown by the recovery of the virus (Type 1) from all the child contacts and many adults. All the children made a recovery but a man aged 50 years who developed an acute paraplegia died soon after admission to hospital. The virus was isolated and his death was presumed to be due to poliomyelitis.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

The sanitary circumstances of the district have been kept under close supervision. Special attention has been paid to food and water supplies; housing and sanitation.

The Swimming baths remained closed until demolition in October 1961.

It has not yet been found to be practicable to initiate the necessary surveys to enable the Clean Air Act to be implemented.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

In conclusion I would like to place on record my sincere appreciation of your continued interest, support and encouragement throughout the year, and, at the same time thank the chief officials, their respective staffs, and my own public health staff in particular for their real help and advice on many matters.

Yours sincerely,

E. TAYLOR.

Medical Officer of Health.

Area in Acres	5,174
Registrar General's estimate of population (mid 1961)	16,810
Population census 1931	19,430
Population preliminary census 1961	16,813
Number of inhabited houses (census 1931)	4,393
Number of inhabited houses (census 1961)	5,751
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1961) according to Rate Book	5,741
Rateable Value.	£167,673
Sum represented by a penny rate	£ 663

VITAL STATISTICS

Calculated on a population of 16,810

BIRTHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births - Legitimate	132	124	256
Illegitimate	5	4	9
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	137	128	265
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Still Births - Legitimate	3	5	8
Illegitimate	-	-	-
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	3	5	8
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Total registered Births for 1961 - 273

Total registered Births for 1960 - 270

LIVE BIRTH RATE (Per 1,000 of population)

For Year 1961	15.6
For Year 1960	14.9
For 5 year average 1956 - 1960	13.7
Increase in 1961 on 1960	0.7
Increase in 1961 on 5 year average	1.9
Live Birth Rate for England and Wales for 1961	17.4

STILL BIRTH RATE (Per 1,000 of population)

For Year 1961	29.3
For Year 1960	29.6
Still Birth Rate for England and Wales for 1961	18.7

DEATHS

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
INFANTILE - Legitimate	1	3	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-

1	3	4
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MATERNAL

NIL

OTHER CAUSES

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cancer	18	15	33
Tuberculosis	-	-	-
Other Causes	106	99	205

Total registered deaths for 1961:	124	114	238
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Total registered deaths for 1960:	126	105	231
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INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE (Per 1,000 Live Births)

For Year 1961	15.1
For Year 1960	19.1
For 5 year average 1956 - 1960	23.2
Decrease in 1961 on 1960	4.0
Decrease in 1961 on 5 year average	8.1
Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales for 1961	21.4

TOTAL MATERNAL MORTALITY (Live and Still Births)

For Year 1961	Nil
For Year 1960	Nil
For 5 year average 1956 - 1960	Nil
Decrease in 1961 on 1960	Nil
Decrease in 1961 on 5 year average	Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate for England and Wales for 1961	0.27

TUBERCULOSIS DEATH RATE

For Year 1961	Nil
For Year 1960	0.06
For 5 year average 1956 - 1960	0.08
Decrease in 1961 on 1960	0.06
Decrease in 1961 on 5 year average	0.08
Tuberculosis Mortality Rate for England and Wales for 1961	0.416

DEATH RATE

For Year 1961	14.2
Adjusted Death Rate for 1961	16.8
For Year 1960	13.2
Adjusted Death Rate for 1960	15.8
For 5 year average 1956 - 1960	13.2
Increase in 1961 on 1960	1.0
Increase in 1961 on 5 year average	3.6
Death Rate for England and Wales for 1961	12.0

INFANTILE MORTALITY

4 deaths were reported compared with 5 during 1960 and 10 in 1959. This gives an Infantile Mortality Rate for the year 1961 of 15.1 compared with 19.1 in 1960.

The cases and ages were as follows:-

<u>CAUSE OF DEATH</u>	<u>AGE IN MONTHS</u>			
	0-1	1-3	3-6	6-12
Prematurity	2	-	-	-
Cerebral Haemorrhage	1	-	-	-
Heart Disease	1	-	-	-
	4	-	-	-

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 legitimate births - 15.1

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

3 deaths occurred in the neo-natal period (under 4 weeks) giving a death rate per 1,000 live births of 11.3

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

3 deaths occurred in the early neo-natal period (under 1 week) giving a death rate per 1,000 live births of 11.3

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

With 8 still births and 3 deaths under 1 week the perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total live and still births was 40.3

CAUSE OF DEATH DURING 1961

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
1. Tuberculosis - Respiratory	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis - Other Forms	-	-	-
3. Syphillitic Disease	1	-	1
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	1	-	1
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other Infective and Parastic Diseases	-	-	-
10. Cancer of Stomach	4	2	6
11. Cancer of Lung, Bronchus	4	-	4
12. Cancer of Breast	-	4	4
13. Cancer of Uterus	-	2	2
14. Cancer of Other Sites	10	7	17
15. Leukaemia	-	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	4	4
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	14	20	34
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	31	14	45
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	3	2	5
20. Other Heart Disease	11	16	27
21. Other Circulatory Disease	8	4	12
22. Influenza	1	5	6
23. Pneumonia	3	3	6
24. Bronchitis	8	9	17
25. Other Disease of Respiratory System	3	1	4
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	-	-	-
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	1	1
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	3	4
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital Malformation	1	4	5
32. Other Defined and Ill Defined Diseases	8	11	19
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	-	4
34. All Other Accidents	3	2	5
35. Suicide	5	-	5
36. Homicide and Operations of War	-	-	-
	124	114	238

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1961 WITH

ANALYSIS OF CASES UNDER AGE GROUPS

D I S E A S E S	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total deaths	A G E I N C I D E N C E									
				Under one year	1 to 3	3 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over	Age unknown
Measles	182	4	1	8	67	74	32	-	-	-	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	7	-	-	-	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	6	1	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	23	-	-	2	6	6	1	1	-	5	1	1	-
Food Poisoning	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Erysipelas	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paralytic Poliomyelitis	3	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	226	9	1	12	77	87	36	1	-	5	5	2	1

T U B E R C U L O S I S

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1961

NEW CASES

DEATHS

	<u>Pulmonary : Non-Pulmonary</u>				<u>Pulmonary : Non Pulmonary</u>				
	M	:	F	M	:	F	M	:	F
1960	6		3	-		-	1		-
1961	7		3	-		-	-		-

SECTION BGENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICESAmbulance Service

Leigh Ambulance Station) Tel.No. Leigh 73112
 Atherton Ambulance Station) Tel.No. Leigh 73111

Care of Children -- Childrens Act, 1948

Childrens Committee - Lancashire County Council Area No. 11.

Area Childrens Officer:-

Miss J. L. Edwards,

89 Railway Road,

LEIGH.

Tel. No. Leigh 72206

Clinics

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1) Ante-Natal | Elliott Street Clinic Tuesday a.m. |
| 2) Immunisation | At County Clinics as required |
| 3) Maternity & Child Welfare | (1) Astley Centre, Thursday p.m.
(2) George Street Centre
Tyldesley, Tuesday p.m. |
| 4) Ophthalmic (by appointment) | Elliott Street Clinic, Friday a.m. |
| 5) Orthopaedic
(by appointment) | Elliott Street Clinic, 2nd
Thursday of each month. |
| 6) Post-Natal | Elliott Street Clinic, Tuesday a.m. |
| 7) School Health and Minor
Ailments | Elliott Street Clinic, Monday |
| 8) Physiotherapy
(by appointment) | Elliott Street Clinic, Thursday
a.m. |
| 9) Dental | Elliott Street Clinic, Tuesday
and Thursday. |
| 10) Tuberculosis | The Infirmary, Leigh. |

11) Venereal Disease 1) Civic Centre, Bolton.

MALES AND FEMALES:-

Mon. 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m.
to 7.30 p.m.

Tues. 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m.
to 5 p.m.

Wed. 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m.
to 7.30 p.m.

Thurs. 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m.
to 5 p.m.

Fri. 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m.
to 7.30 p.m.

Sat. 9 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

2) Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan.

MALES:-

Fri. 2 p.m. and 6.30 p.m.

FEMALES:-

Wed. 2 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

3) Leigh Infirmary, Leigh.

MALES AND FEMALES:-

Mon. 9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

Convalescence

Under arrangements made by the Lancashire County Council through the Divisional Medical Officer.

Convalescent Treatment

Under arrangements made by the Regional Hospital Board.

Health Visiting Service

Two Health Visitors/School Nurses employed in the District by the Lancashire County Council.

Home Help Service

Under arrangements made by the Lancashire County Council. Applications to Divisional Health Offices, Leigh Road, Leigh.

Home Nursing Service

Male and Female District Nurses provided by the Lancashire County Council.

Hospitals

1) General

Leigh Infirmary, Bolton Infirmary,
Atherleigh Hospital, Astley Hospital.

- 2) Infectious Diseases Whelley Hospital, Hulton Lane Fever Hospital.
- 3) Maternity Bolton and District General Hospital, Davyhulme Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital.

Maternity Homes

Firs Maternity Home, Leigh, Haslam, Haverscroft and Heaton Grange Maternity Homes, Bolton.

Laboratory Facilities

Regional Hospital Laboratories at Bolton and Wigan Infirmaries and at Monsall Fever Hospital.

Midwifery Service

Two full time domiciliary midwives provided by the Lancashire County Council.

Moral Welfare

Local Worker:-

Miss A. Rigby,

186 Chapel Street,

LEIGH.

Tel. No. Leigh 71061

(Council for Moral Welfare Work)

Nursing Homes

None in the District.

Unmarried Mothers and Illegitimate Children

Provision for their care is made by the Lancashire County Council.

Welfare Service

Under arrangements made by the Lancashire County Council, residential accommodation at Atherleigh Grange and Hourigan House, Leigh, and Winifred Kettle House, Westhoughton is available.

X Ray Facilities

At the General Hospitals of the Regional Board, Leigh, Bolton, and Wigan. Facilities for special chest cases at the Chest Clinic, Leigh Infirmary.

SECTION CPREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASESDIPHTHERIA

As last year no case or carrier was notified. Continuation of immunisation is still essential if the disease is to be controlled.

ERYSIPELAS

2 cases were notified.

FOOD POISONING

1 case of this disease was reported during the year. As in the case of Dysentery, control of Food Poisoning is dependent upon the understanding and co-operation of all who handle food and drink.

MEASLES

182 cases were notified as against 152 in the previous year.

PNEUMONIA

1 case of acute pneumonia was reported.

SCARLET FEVER

The number of cases of Scarlet Fever notified was 6, as against 47 last year. 1 only was admitted to hospital.

DYSENTERY

23 cases notified, none being admitted to hospital. Control depends upon the understanding and co-operation of all who handle food and drink.

WHOOPING COUGH

This year there were 7 cases as against 10 in 1960 and there were no deaths.

TUBERCULOSIS

10 new cases of pulmonary, but no case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were reported during the year, as compared with 9 and none respectively the previous year.

PARALYTIC POLIOMYELITIS

3 cases notified and all 3 admitted to hospital, resulting in one death.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM

1 case only was notified.

SECTION DSANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREAGENERAL INFORMATION

The major portion of the district is urban in character concentrated chiefly in the north and centre, surround by an area of agricultural land.

The main industries are coal mining, cotton spinning and engineering, with a small number in agriculture.

None of the above industries appears to have given rise to any significant increase of injuries or disabilities of any occupational character throughout the year.

WATER SUPPLY

The Manchester Corporation Waterworks Committee are responsible for the supply and distribution of the water supply in the district.

5,730 dwelling houses, with a population of 16,760 persons are supplied with water from public mains. 11 houses with a total of 50 occupants draw supplies from private wells or springs. These are situated in isolated parts of the district and the dwellings are in connection with small holdings or agricultural land.

133 new houses have been connected to the town's water mains.

24 bacteriological examinations of town's mains water were made during the year and all were satisfactory.

Water mains have been extended to the extent of 1,018 lineal yards.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Sewage is conducted from the town by a main outfall sewer of 24 inches diameter to the Sewage Disposal Works at Morley's Hall, Astley. Alumino ferric is added to the sewage which then passes through precipitation and sedimentation tanks and percolating filters. The effluent from the filters before discharge into the Black or Moss Brook is passed through humus tanks.

Work continued on the new sewerage and sewage disposal scheme in the Astley Area to the end of the year when approximately 94% of the contract work had been completed. All new houses have been connected to the sewer.

MARINE STORE DEALERS

There are five premises registered as Old Metal and Marine Store Dealers in the area.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT

There are no premises in the district registered for the use of Rag Flock.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACT 1928 AND 1936

The following licences to store petroleum spirit were issued during the year:-

Not exceeding	100 gallons	-	4
Exceeding	100 gallons not exceeding	500	- 10
Exceeding	500 gallons not exceeding	1,000	- 4
Exceeding	1,000 gallons not exceeding	5,000	- 6
Exceeding	5,000	-	5

PUBLIC BATHS

The public swimming baths were closed in November 1960 and in 1961 it was decided they should be demolished. Demolition commenced in October and was almost completed at the end of the year.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

The figures below show the sanitary accommodation of the district for the present year compared with the year 1960.

	1961	1960
Number of privy middens	13	24
Number of closets attached to the above middens	19	31
Number of pail closets	48	41
Number of trough closets	Nil	Nil
Number of waste water closets (revised No.)	84	80
Number of fresh water closets	6,398	6,298

3 waste water closets have been converted to fresh water closets, and 1 pail closet to a water closet.

Grants are made by the Council for closet conversions on the following scale:-

£9 or half the cost which ever is the less for privy and pail conversions			
£8	-do-	-do-	waste water closets
£6	-do-	-do-	trough closets

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A weekly collection of house refuse is maintained throughout the district by means of 4 side loading 10 c.yd. vehicles and refuse is disposed of by means of controlled tipping. Pail closets are emptied by gully tank.

Tipping has continued on the Mount Pleasant site Shakerley during the year.

In the early summer the refuse tip is treated with an insecticide dressing, which is continued weekly throughout the summer months, and has been found to be effective in preventing nuisance from flies and crickets.

Scavenging, gully emptying and snow removal are undertaken by the Surveyor's Department.

The provision of free dustbins has continued, and 340 bins were supplied by the department during the financial year.

The price of waste paper remained at £7-10-0 per ton.

The following are particulars of material salvaged during the year.

Waste Paper 4 tons 11 cwts. 0 qrs. £34. 2s. 6d.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Number of Inspections and Reinspections during the year	2,708
Number of notices served	49
Number of notices abated	18
Number of statutory notices served	39
Number of statutory notices abated	15

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Infectious Diseases &c.	46
Public Health Act, visits and revisits	535
Drainage	45
Markets	111
Refuse Collection and Disposal.	103
Slaughterhouses	606
Housing Act	793
Council Houses	67
Petroleum Regulations	17
Rodent Control	332
Food Preparing Premises.	119
Factories.	29
Closet Conversions	5
Keeping of Animals	8
Food Shops &c	233
Smoke Abatement	56
Sampling	66
Accumulations	6
Tents, Vans and Sheds	4
Rent Act, 1957	16
Miscellaneous visits and interviews	168

SMOKE ABATEMENT

Water spraying continued on Astley Green and Cleworth Hall Colliery spoilbanks.

New Martins Step Grate Stoker and Engine house in operation at Astley Green Colliery.

56 visits have been made during the year regarding the Clean Air Act, 1956.

FACTORIES

The following tables give the number of inspections made regarding factories and the defects discovered &c.

	NO. ON REGTR.	NO. OF INSP.	NO. OF WRITTEN NOTICES	NO. OF OCCUPRS. PROSCTD.
Factories without mechanical power	3	—	—	—
Factories with mechanical power	52	29	2	—
TOTAL	55	29	2	—

	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED TO H.M. INSP.	BY H.M. INSP.	NO. OF CASES IN WHICH PROSEC. WERE INSTITD.
Want of Cleanliness	—	—	—	—	—
Unsuitable or defective sanitary conveniences	—	—	—	—	—
Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Insufficient	2	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	2	—	—	—	—

VERMINOUS PREMISES

4 premises (1 Council house and 3 others) were disinfested during the year with a 5% DDT solution sprayed on to walls, woodwork &c. which treatment appears to give satisfactory results.

Household effects and furniture are examined before removal to Council houses and treated where necessary, advice and instructions are given to tenants in appropriate cases of the habits of vermin and the necessary measures to prevent re-infestation.

RATS AND MICE

A Rodent Operator is employed part-time in this work and the Ministry's recommended methods employed. All premises concerning which complaints are made are visited either by your Public Health Inspectors or the Rodent Operator, and treatment carried out where necessary. A charge is made for business premises, but a free service is provided for private dwelling houses.

The various properties and premises in the Council's occupation are regularly inspected and treated where necessary and sewers are treated twice yearly.

2,449 visits have been made to private dwellings, business premises and local authorities properties in connection with rodent infestation.

In addition two sewer treatments have been undertaken involving the inspection and baiting of manholes on three consecutive days.

SCHOOLS

All the schools are provided with an adequate water supply and fresh water closets. The playground of one school is not yet provided with a satisfactory yard surface.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

45 visits were paid to premises where Infectious Disease had occurred.

66 specimens were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination and report.

HOUSING

The majority of houses in the area are of 4 roomed cottage type lacking in the main such amenities as hot water supply and baths. Although materials are easier to obtain, prices remain high and this together with the high cost of labour make repairs still difficult to obtain.

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects	289
Number of inspections made for that purpose	809
Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation as a result of the preliminary Slum Clearance Survey	136
Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation	36
Number of dwelling houses where defects were remedied without formal notice	16
Number of dwelling houses in respect of which formal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	21
Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice	12

96 houses were erected during the year by private persons, and 42 by the Local Authority, to rehouse tenants from Slum Clearance properties.

There were 199 applications for Council houses at the end of 1961 and 86 for bungalows. Approximately 50% of applications are from sub-tenants.

Information extracted from the Council house application register shows the number of dwelling houses overcrowded at the end of the year to be 14 comprising 25 families and 94 persons. 7 new cases of overcrowding were reported during the year and 7 cases relieved.

41 houses have been demolished during the year.

Demolition Orders were made in respect of 2 Individual houses 360 Manchester Road, Astley and 139 Sale Lane, Tyldesley.

RENT ACT, 1957

Part 1 - Applications for Certificates of Disrepair

(1)	Number of applications for certificates	9
(2)	Number of decisions not to issue certificates	Nil
(3)	Number of decisions to issue certificates	
	(a) in respect of some but not all defects	3
	(b) in respect of all defects	7
(4)	Number of undertakings given by landlord under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	7
(5)	Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority	Nil
(6)	Number of certificates issued	3

Part 11 - Applications for Cancellation of Certificates

(7)	Applications by landlord to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates	1
(8)	Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates	Nil
(9)	Decision by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants objections	Nil
(10)	Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	1

HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

57 applications for Standard Grants under the above Act were made during the year ending December 1961, and 53 applications granted.

34 houses have been provided with baths
 37 houses have been provided with wash hand basins
 30 houses have been provided with hot water supply
 39 houses have been provided with water closets
 31 houses have been provided with larders

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There is one common lodging house in the district licenced annually with accommodation for 10 persons, which is conducted in a satisfactory manner.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1961

1 licence to keep a Pet Shop has been issued during the year.

MILK AND DAIRIES

The supervision and inspection of dairy farms is now the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and milk licences in the area are now issued by the Lancashire County Council.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

4 private slaughterhouses were licensed for the slaughter of animals.

During the year 16 licences were issued to persons to slaughter animals for human consumption.

Condemned meat is sent to a nearby cat and dog food manufacturer, where it is sterilised and canned for animal food.

606 visits have been made to slaughterhouses in the district, and the carcasses of the following animals inspected 1,265 cattle, 530 cows, 8 calves, 8086 sheep and 38 pigs.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	1,265	530	8	8,086	38
Number Inspected	1,265	530	8	8,086	38
All diseases except Tuberculosis:-					
1) Whole carcasses condemned	1	1	1	7	-
2) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	211	370	-	224	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	16.7	70.0	-	2.8	-
Tuberculosis only:-					
1) Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
2) Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis:-					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	4	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	4	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	1	-	-	-	-

1,070 visits have been made to food premises and the following foodstuffs were condemned:-

<u>N A T U R E</u>	<u>Q U A N T I T I E S</u>			
	Tons	cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Cooked Meat		2	1	22
Potatoes		8	0	16
Bananas			2	8
Cockles and Mussels			2	1
Coconut				14
Meat (including 10 whole carcasses)	4	8	2	10
Miscellaneous (canned foodstuffs 60 tins)		1	0	9
	5	1	1	24

OFFENSIVE TRADES

There are no offensive trades in the district.

FOOD POISONING

1 case was reported during the year.

FOOD PREMISES

Progress regarding the Food Hygiene Regulations has continued to be good. Advice and assistance is given to all who desire it to enable them to comply with the regulations.

ICE CREAM PREMISES

Premises used for the sale or manufacture of ice cream have been visited regularly. There are now two premises registered for the manufacture and 58 for the sale of ice cream.

66 samples of ice cream were obtained and submitted to the methylene blue test of which 55 were Grade 1 and 2 Grade 11.

ADULTERATION OF FOOD

Sampling under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, is undertaken by the Lancashire County Council, and during the year 86 samples have been obtained by the Inspectors, 50 being milk and 36 others. In two cases manufacturers were interviewed and cautioned.

